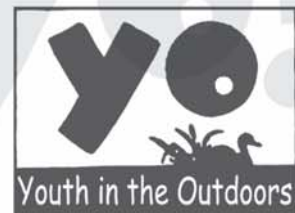


Youth Adventures in the Outdoors

February - August 2007



Outdoor Youth Camps Rock!

by George Oberstadt

California Waterfowl Association's statewide youth camp program is coming to your area in 2007 with Outdoor Adventure Days, Shooting Clinics, Waterfowl Hunter Camps and Advanced Hunter Camps. Flexibility and accessibility make these programs dynamic, unique and exciting opportunities to



Campers show off their conservation efforts—four new wood duck nest boxes!

shooting, wetlands, waterfowl and other hands-on fun.

Shooting Clinics give youths instruction on firearm safety and effective shotgun, rifle and archery shooting techniques.

Waterfowl Hunter Camps and Advanced Hunter Camps involve 2-4 days of hunter skills training, including conservation, hands-on shooting, waterfowl, big-game and upland hunting, and much more to get youths ready to go hunting next season.

For more information, to sign up, sponsor an event or volunteer to help, see www.calwaterfowl.org or call CWA at 916-648-1406.

Get Out! ...On the Water

by Patrick Welch

Is there any better way to share the natural world with your child than to simply get outdoors? In California there are plenty of opportunities to see wildlife and the native landscape – from the Sierra Nevada to the Great Central Valley, and from the coastal ranges to the Pacific shore. Jump in a canoe and you add another level of intrigue to the adventure. You can glide silently through morning mists along a still Sierran lake or feel the tug of the paddle in your hands as you bounce down the rapids along a rushing river – both give you a view of the natural world from a new perspective.

These are just some of the experiences available to you and your child as you explore California's waterways together. What's that you say? You and the kids don't paddle? Well, take an American Red Cross canoeing class this summer from the

local Sierra-Sacramento Chapter and paddle into new opportunities.

To start you on your way, the Red Cross offers Fundamentals of Canoeing classes designed for paddlers with no previous experience. Red Cross certified instructors teach



proper body mechanics, paddling techniques, and safety considerations.

This is a weekend long class, with the first session Friday night in a pool, and Saturday and Sunday sessions on Lake Natoma near Folsom. All you need for the class – a tandem canoe, life jackets, and paddles – is provided.

If you want a little more adrenalin in your life or are interested in taking advantage of the many rivers that spring from the Sierra, a Red Cross

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Ken Bloom, 14, of Carmichael with a five-week-old mallard ready for release.

Fish and Game hunter education and much more.

Outdoor Adventure Days are one day events designed to introduce or advance youth outdoor recreational and conservation skills including archery, fly fishing, clay target

Yountville Sports Jambouree

Each September the Telephone Pioneers of America host a Sports Jambouree at the Yountville Veterans Home open to disabled people from all over the state.

Activities include running, horseshoes, basketball, archery, a ring toss, and an obstacle course. Each year Youth in the Outdoors member Joe Becker and his wife, Joan, set up and operate a short archery range. Every participant enjoys watching the flight of their arrows as the string is released, but each year there is at least one person



Jeffery Sites, Kingsburg, though legally blind, is able to enjoy a little archery.

by Joe Becker

who, after just a few shots with instruction, continues without help and gets very excited about shooting independently. For more information, call Thomas Hull at (209) 324-7350.

Use this space for mailing information and postage.

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- 2-4 **San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival**, Solano County. \$ (707) 557-9816, (707) 649-9464 www.sfbayflywayfestival.com
2-4 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp**, Llano Seco. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
3-4 **Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days**, balance of the state zone. Free (916) 445-3445 www.calwaterfowl.org,
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wmd/index.html>
7-12 **11th Annual San Diego Bird Festival**, San Diego County. \$ (619) 516-0139 www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm
10 **Migration Festival**, Santa Cruz County. Free (831) 423-4609 www.santacruzstateparks.org
10-11 **Junior Pheasant Hunts**, San Luis Obispo County. Free (805) 238-4236, (707) 944-5500
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wmd/index.html>
10, 24 **Trail Days**, Stone Lakes NWR, Sacramento County. Free (916) 775-4420 <http://www.stonelakes.org/use/activities.htm>
15-18 **Winter Wings Festival**, Klamath Falls, Oregon. \$ (800) 445-6728 <http://www.winterwingsfest.org/>
16-18 **Los Angeles International Sportsmen's Exposition**, Pomona, Los Angeles County. \$ www.sportsexpos.com
16-19 **Salton Sea International Bird Festival** \$ (760) 344-5359 <http://www.newriverwetlands.com/saltonsea.html>
16-19 **Great Backyard Bird Count**. Statewide. <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>
23-24 **California Duck Days**, Yolo County. \$ (530) 757-3780 www.yolobasin.org
24-25 **Pacific Southwest Wildlife Arts California Open**, San Diego County. \$ (760) 945-8442 www.pswa.net

March 2007

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- 3-4 **Mendocino Whale Festival**, Mendocino County. \$ (707) 964-0898 <http://www.mendocinocoast.com/memberpages/chamber.html>
10 **CWA Youth Shoot**, Cordova Shooting Center, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
15 **CA Junior Duck Stamp Contest Deadline**, Statewide. (530) 934-2801, (916) 648-1406 www.caljrduckstamp.org
17-18 **Fort Bragg Whale Festival**, Mendocino County. \$ (707) 964-0898 www.mendocinocoast.com
www.pointcabrillo.org/events
24-25 **Santa Barbara Whale Festival**, Santa Barbara County. \$ (805) 897-3187 www.santabarbara.com/events/
30-4/1 **Aleutian Goose Festival**, Del Norte County. \$ (800) 343-8300 www.aleutiangoosefestival.org
31 **Gray Lodge Clean Up and Field Day**, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
31-4/1 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp**, Mystic Lake Duck Club, Riverside County. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
31-4/1 **Junior Wild Turkey Hunts**, Kern County. (559)243-4005 ext. 133 <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wmd/index.html>

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- 5-8 **Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival**, Mendocino County. \$ (800) 778-5252 www.redwoodcoastchamber.com
7 **Earth Day**, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-5888 <http://www.saczoo.com/>
13-15 **California Desert Nature Festival**, Riverside County. Free (760) 341-9312 www.californiadesertnaturefestival.com/
14 **CWA /Kern NWR Outdoor Adventures Day**, Kern County. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
14 **Wild on Wetlands**, Merced County. Free (800) 336-6354, (209) 826-2495 <http://www.losbanos.com/wow.htm>
20-22 **Godwit Days**, Humboldt County. \$ (800) 908-9464 www.godwitdays.com/
20-28 **Creek Week Clean Up Celebration**, Sacramento County. Free (916) 482-8377 www.sacto-ucc.org/
21 **CWA Modesto Youth Event** \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
21-22 **Heron Days**, Clearlake State Park, Lake County. (707) 279-4293 <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>
21-22 **Bowhunter Course**, Yolo County. \$ (916) 203-9959 AL_Rafferty@yahoo.com
21 **Creek Clean Up**, Elk Grove. Free (916) 405-5303 <http://www.egcsd.ca.gov/rec/index.html>
22 **Day of the Child/Earth Day**, Santa Cruz County. Free (831) 728-6183 www.ci.watsonville.ca.us
22 **Earth Day Celebration**, Santa Barbara County. \$ (805) 963-0583 <http://www.santabarbara.com/events/earthday/>
27-30 **Kern Valley Spring Nature Festival Festival**, Kern County. \$ <http://kern.audubon.org/bioregion.htm>
28 **Maya Youth Archery Clinic**, Placer County. \$ (916) 653-7748
28 **Riparian Rabbit Festival**, San Joaquin NWR, San Joaquin County. (209) 826-3508

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- 3-6 **Bowhunter/Hunter Course**, Yuba County. \$ (530) 671-9250 wylliefamily@sbcglobal.net
 5 **South Bay Bird Festival**, Santa Clara County. (408) 262-5513 desfbay.fws.gov
 5 **Wings of Spring**, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-5888 <http://www.saczoo.com/>
 11-13 **Spring Wings Bird Festival**, Fallon, Nevada. (775) 428-6452 www.springwings.org
 12 **Gray Lodge Jr. Fishing Derby**, Butte County. \$ (530) 846-3264
 18-19 **Bowhunter Course**, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 723-6792 moorerobt@msn.com
 18-20 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp**, Rancho Esquon, Butte County. \$ (916) 648-1406
 19 **Walk on the Wildside**, Sacramento County. Free (916) 775-4421 www.stonelakes.org/use/wow.htm
 TBA **Tule Lake Migratory Bird Festival**, Siskiyou County. (530) 667-3121 www.tulelakecalifornia.org/waterfowlfest.html

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- 1-3 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 2 **Suisun Marsh Field Day**, Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Suisun County. Free (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
 9 **Carnival of Shooting Games** (youths and adults), Birds Landing, \$ (916) 648-1406
 10 **CWA Youth Shoot, Clays for Kids Day**, Birds Landing, \$ (916) 648-1406
 10-15 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Beginning)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
 15-16 **Bowhunter Course**, Placer County \$ (916) 723-6792 moorerobt@msn.com
 15-16 **Sierra Valley Barns, Birds and Barbecue**, Sierra County. www.SierraValleyBarns.com
 15-17 **Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua**, Mono County. (760) 647-6595 www.birdchautauqua.org
 15-17 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 17-22 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Beginning)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
 19-23 **CWA/Turk Station Beginning Camp**, Fresno County \$ (559) 935-1902 (916) 648-1406
 24-28 **Quail Unlimited COVEY Camp** at Stillbow Ranch, Hunter Education Camp, Merced County. \$ (951) 767-3435 or email at westernqu@aol.com

- 24-28 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Intense Shooting)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
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 29-7/1 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 30-7/1 **Bowhunter Course**, Butte County \$ (530) 877-7438 bjoe@ccxn.com www.archeryweb.com/archery/ibep.htm
 TBA **Free Fishing Day**, Statewide. (916) 227-2245 <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/freefishdays.html>
 TBA **Archery in the Hills Youth Clinic**, Nevada County. \$ (916) 653-7748

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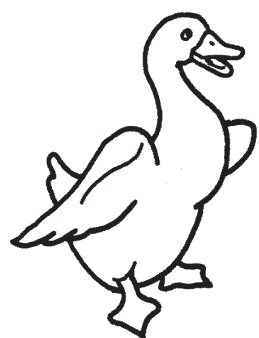
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- 8-12 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Intense Shooting)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
 13-15 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 14 **Youth Outdoor Safari Day**, Raahauge's, Corona. \$ (951) 735-7981 <http://www.raahauges.com/safariday.htm>
 14-15 **37th Annual Classic Wildlife Art Festival**, Pacific Flyway Decoy Association, Sacramento County. \$ www.pacificflyway.org
 15-20 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Beginning)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
 20-22 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp**, Mandeville Island, San Joaquin County. \$ (916) 648-1406
 22-27 **Kids Outdoor Sports Camp (Beginning)**, Red Bank, Tehama County. \$ (530) 528-0153
 27-29 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 27-29 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp**, Mandeville Island, San Joaquin County. \$ (916) 648-1406
 28-29 **Bowhunter Course**, Yolo County \$ (916) 203-9959 AL_Rafferty@yahoo.com www.archeryweb.com/archery/ibep.htm
 TBA **Youth Archery Clinic**, Plumas County. \$ (916) 653-7748

August 2007

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- 1-5 **16th Annual Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival**, Bisbee, Arizona. (520) 803-7412 www.swwings.org
 5-9 **Quail Unlimited COVEY Camp** at Tri-Lakes, Advanced Hunting Skills Camp, Fresno County. \$ (951) 767-3435 or email at westernqu@aol.com
 3-5 **CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp** at Conaway Ranch, Yolo County. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
 4-5 **Bowhunter Course**, Placer County. \$ (916) 635-6759 JEWWilliams88@netzero.com www.archeryweb.com/archery/ibep.htm
 10-12 **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, Sacramento County. \$ www.sacsierraredcross.org/Education
 17-9/3 **California State Fair**, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 263-3000 www.bigfun.org
 18 **CWA Shooting Clinic**, Coyote Valley Sporting Clays, Santa Clara County. \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
 25 **CWA/Humboldt NWR Outdoor Adventures Day**, Humboldt County \$ (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
 TBA **Auto Life Outdoors Fall Festival**, Stanislaus County. (800) 499-1004 <http://www.autolifeinc.com/index.html>



DUCK DAYS

A Wetlands Festival for the Whole Family

BY ANN BRICE

Join in celebrating the 13th anniversary of California Duck Days, a wetlands festival in the heart of the Pacific Flyway on Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, 2007. For everyone interested in wetlands and wildlife, there will be a gala reception Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Davis Art Center located at Covell Blvd. and F Street in Davis. In addition to refreshments, good company, and a raffle, the reception will feature an outstanding wildlife art exhibit created by the high school students of Yolo County, as well as a display of California Junior Duck Stamp art.

The family-oriented festival is sponsored by the Yolo Basin Foundation and will feature one full day of field trips and workshops on Saturday, February 24th, 8 am-5 pm, at the CA Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters in South Davis.

Among the many field trips to be offered are an all day "Mystery Bird Trip," a morning with native grass expert John Anderson at Hedgerow Farm in Winters, and a trip to sight raptors around the county. Workshops will be held throughout the day and include a "Bird Dog Demonstration," as well as CWA's "Waterfowl Drawing" and "Wood Duck Box Building." This year Duck Days will host an Exhibit Hall with displays from area environmental

organizations. The always-popular mallard ducklings will be on display, and the wetlands crafts table will be open all day.



Photo by Bob McLandress

Duck Days offers fun for the whole family.

The welcome reception on Friday evening, February 23rd, is free and open to the public. The cost for California Duck Days activities on February 24th is \$20 a person, and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. All participants must pre-register due to limited space on field trips. For a complete schedule of events, and a registration form, please go to www.yolobasin.org or call the Yolo Basin Foundation at 530-757-3780.

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Basic River Canoeing class will get you paddling moving water. Basic River starts with a Friday night classroom session and includes two full days spent on the Lower American River.

Classes are offered throughout the coming summer, but early sign-up is recommended to reserve a spot. Children must be at least 11 years of age

to participate. Contact the Sacramento Sierra Chapter at (916) 368-3168 for more information or registration, or go online at www.sacsierraredcross.org. Specific questions can be directed to Patrick Welch at (916) 487-7102. Classes are great fun and guaranteed to equip you and your family for new adventures on the water.

Youth in the Outdoors Partners

California Department of Fish and Game

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Hunter Education Recording: (916) 351-0833

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Hunter Education: (707) 944-5548

Central District Office: (559) 243-4005 ex 124

Hunter Education: (559) 243-4005 ex 175

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Hunter Education: (760) 947-8859

General Information and Hunter Education: (916) 653-1235

www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered



California Bowmen Hunters / State Archery Association

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CA Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

(925) 659-0221 www.cafnaws.org



California Waterfowl Association

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National Audubon Society - California

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Klamath Basin NWR Complex (530) 667-2231

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